

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

Categorical Exclusion Checklist

Radio Repeater Station Installation at Bradbury Dam

CEC-14-054

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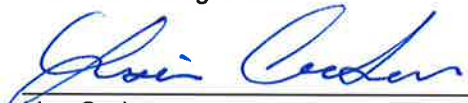
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Nature of the Action

A land-use authorization would be granted to amend Central California Water Authority's (CCWA) existing permit to install, maintain, and operate a new, long-term radio repeater station (see Figure 1) at Bradbury Dam in Santa Barbara County, California (see Figure 2). CCWA's existing permit will expire in 2026. A 4' high by 2" diameter pole would be installed onto an existing permanent structure, which would be outfitted with radio and power equipment. The radio repeater station would be used to monitor water temperatures, and would be installed just south of the Bradbury Dam spillway along an access road (refer to Figure 3). Installation of the radio repeater station will not require any ground disturbance and would take one day to complete.

Environmental Commitments

Project-related vehicles shall remain on established roads.

Exclusion Category

516 DM 14.5 Paragraph D (10) *Issuance of permits, licenses, easements, and crossing agreements which provide right-of-way over Bureau lands where the action does not allow for or*



Figure 1. Photo of Existing Nearby Radio Repeater Station

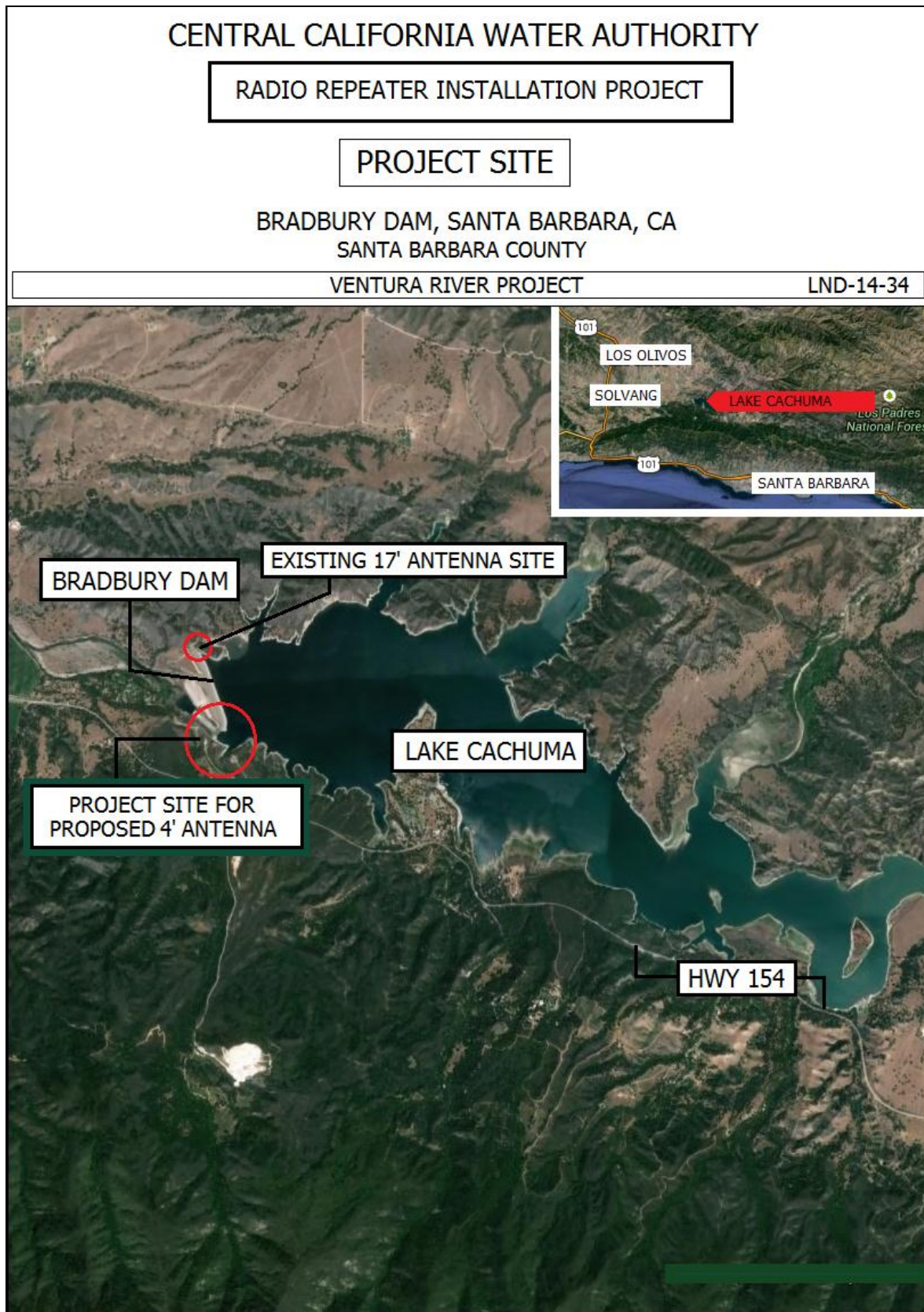


Figure 2. Project Location

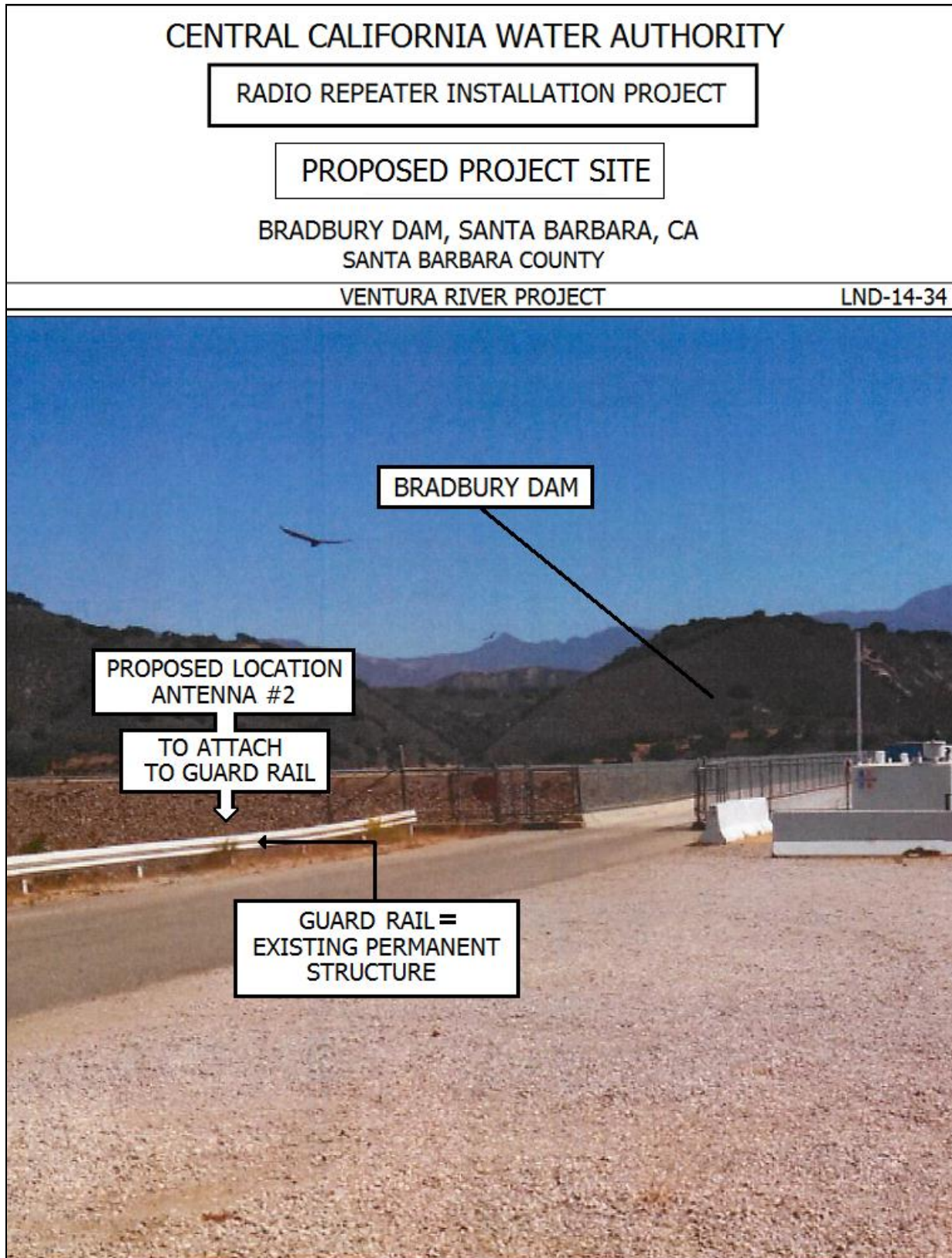


Figure 3. Repeater Station Location

Evaluation of Criteria for Categorical Exclusion

- | | No | Uncertain | Yes |
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| 1. This action would have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment (40 CFR 1502.3). | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. This action would have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources (NEPA Section 102(2)(E) and 43 CFR 46.215(c)). | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. This action would have significant impacts on public health or safety (43 CFR 46.215(a)). | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. This action would have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographical characteristics as historic or cultural resources; parks, recreation, and refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (EO 11990); flood plains (EO 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas (43 CFR 46.215 (b)). | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. This action would have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks (43 CFR 46.215(d)). | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. This action would establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects (43 CFR 46.215 (e)). | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. This action would have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects (43 CFR 46.215 (f)). | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. This action would have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places as determined by Reclamation (LND 02-01) (43 CFR 46.215 (g)). | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| 9. This action would have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have significant impacts on designated critical habitat for these species (43 CFR 46.215 (h)). | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. This action would violate a Federal, tribal, State, or local law or requirement imposed for protection of the environment (43 CFR 46.215 (i)). | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. This action would affect ITAs (512 DM 2, Policy Memorandum dated December 15, 1993). | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. This action would have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations (EO 12898) (43 CFR 46.215 (j)). | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. This action would limit access to, and ceremonial use of, Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007, 43 CFR 46.215 (k), and 512 DM 3)). | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. This action would contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species (Federal Noxious Weed Control Act, EO 13112, and 43 CFR 46.215 (l)). | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Attachment A – Cultural Resources Determination

CULTURAL RESOURCES COMPLIANCE
Mid-Pacific Region
Division of Environmental Affairs
Cultural Resources Branch

MP-153 Tracking Number: 15-SCAO-018

Project Name: Antenna Repeater Installation at Bradbury Dam

NEPA Document: CEC-14-054

MP 153 Cultural Resources Reviewer: Joanne Goodsell



Date: October 27, 2014

The proposed action involves the issuance of a land use authorization to Central California Water Authority to install, maintain, and operate a long-term radio repeater station at Bradbury Dam in Santa Barbara, California. A 4' high by 2" diameter pole outfitted with radio equipment used to monitor water temperatures would be installed onto an existing I-beam along an access road just south of the Bradbury Dam spillway. Installation will not require any ground disturbance.

This action is an undertaking as defined in Section 301(7) of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) (16 USC 470 *et seq.*). Upon review, Reclamation has determined that this undertaking involves the type of activity that does not have the potential to cause effects on historic properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. As such, Reclamation has no further obligations under Section 106 of the NHPA pursuant to 36 CFR 36 CFR § 800.3(a)(1).

This document communicates the completion of the NHPA Section 106 process and cultural resources review for this undertaking. Please retain a copy in the administrative record for this action. Should the proposed action change, additional NHPA Section 106 review, possibly including consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer, may be necessary.

Attachment B – Indian Trust Assets Determination



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Re: ITA Request Form - CEC-14-054 Antenna Installation at Bradbury Dam

1 message

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Fri, Oct 31, 2014 at 5:32 AM

To: Michael Inthavong <minthavong@usbr.gov>

Michael,

I reviewed the proposed action to grant an authorization to Central California Water Authority to install, maintain, and operate a long-term radio repeater station at Bradbury Dam in Santa Barbara County, California. A 4' high by 2" diameter pole would be installed onto an existing I-beam, which would be outfitted with radio equipment. The radio repeater would be used to monitor water temperatures,. Installation of the radio repeater station will not require any ground disturbance and would take one day to complete.

The proposed action does not have a potential to impact Indian Trust Assets. The nearest ITA is Chicken Ranch Rancheria approximately 51 miles NE of the project location.

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